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SUBJ: WHEAT FLOUR DISPUTE

1. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, GENERAL GONZALES, CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE JANUARY 13 TO REPORT HE HAD RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM AMBASSADOR CAPRILES IN WHICH CAPRILES ASKED THE MINISTER TO CONSULT WITH ME ABOUT THE WHEAT FLOUR DISPUTE. ACCORDING TO THE MINISTER, CAPRILES WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TAKEN TO RESOLVE PROBLEM BEFORE HE PRESENTS CREDENTIALS. PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION WITH ME WAS TO ELICIT ANY SUGGESTIONS OR ADVICE FOR ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY CAPRILES, THE BOLIVIAN ATTORNEYS, OR THE USG. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR WHITING AND I TOLD MINISTER THAT BEST STEP--HIRING ATTORNEY BY BOLIVIAN EMBASSY--HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN. WE SUGGESTED THAT CAPRILES WORK CLOSELY WITH EMBASSY ATTORNEY AND MIGHT CONSIDER ENCOURAGING CONTACT BETWEEN ATTORNEYS OF ALL PARTIES TO DISPUTE TO SEE IF AMICABLE SOLUTION COULD BE REACHED OUTSIDE OF COURT CASE. WE TOLD MINISTER WE COULD THINK OF NOTHING FOR OFFICIAL USG ACTION.

2. IF DEPT HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS, IT MIGHT WISH TO COMMUNICATE THEM DIRECTLY TO AMBASSADOR CAPRILES IN WASHINGTON. IN THE MEANTIME, WE HERE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF DEPT'S ACTION ON BOLIVIAN EMBASSY NOTE DELIVERED TO DEPT JAN 10, REQUESTING DETERMINATION OF SOVERIGN IMMUNITY FOR BOLIVIA IN ONGOING COURT CASE.

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